different States. They have met a wide cross-section of the people. This is not a new exercise. This is in fact the fourth or fifth pay revision. Since the previous pay revision, there has been a linkage between the U.G.C. pay revision and the Pay Commission pay revision which is meant for the pay revision of Central Government employees. That linkage has been established and in this case also the linkage remains. Now, the real thrust of this whole exercise is not to evolve separate pay scales for the teachers of each college in the country. That would require the kind of data which my hon. friend has referred to. In fact, it aims at greater uniformity throughout the country. The previous exercise has brought about a large measure of uniformity in the country. The thrust is quite different. It is not a totally decentralised exercise. The exercise is meant to retain and attract talented people to the field of education, particularly higher education, and it is for this purpose that these revisions are done from time to time. This is the main kernel of the ethos.

SHRI S. W. DHABE: Sir, the price rise is due to mainly the Central Government's economic policy. All the teachers at the college level and others are suffering. The interim relief is not given to them. In some States, the Government teachers are getting it. All The State Governments have not granted it. The U.G.C. has got a special responsibility. They should issue guidelines to the universities and colleges to enforce any enhancement in pay scales and emoluments. May I know whether the hon. Minister would issue guidelines through the U.G.C. to the various State Governments so that the college teachers may be given interim relief and any other increase in pay scales?

SHRI K. C. PANT: It is not a question of issuing guidelines to the States. It is for the State Governments to decide whether they want to give interim relief or not.

SHRI S. W. DHABE: It is in the Concurrent List.

SHRI K. C. PANT: If they want to give the interim relief, they will have to find the wherewithal for it.

SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Mr. Chairman, Sir, the honourable Minister has rightly stressed that we should have the best talents in this lofty profession.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Termination of Services of Teachers in AMU

*26. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that services of a number of teachers of the Aligarh Muslim University have recently been terminated;

(b) if so, what is the total number thereof; and

(c) what are the grounds of termination of their services?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) to (c) According to the leave rules of the University, an employee who is on leave shall be deemed to have vacated his post if he fails to resume duty on the expiry of leave, or any extension thereof. In recent years, a number of teachers of the Aligarh Muslim University went on extra-ordinary leave to accept teaching assignments in foreign Universities. As some of them failed to return to their duty in the University on the expiry of leave, and remained absent from the University without sanction of leave or extension, the University took action under the leave rules quoted above. During the period 1981 to 1984, 59 teachers were accordingly deemed to have vacated their posts.